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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Cloudy with showers in northern portion. Cooler except near coast. Western Washington—Showers, cooler, except near coast.

CROKER GETTING SENSITIVE.

Richard Croker could stand a good deal of abuse from American papers when he lived in this country and was boss of Tammany, but he does not propose to take it from British papers. The London Magazine recently had an article purporting to show up Mr. Croker's relations to Tammany Hall, and now Mr. Croker has sued the proprietor of the magazine for libel. It is a pity that the article complained of is not quoted in the news item telling of the suit. Americans would like to know what it was that has touched a sensitive spot in the former boss.

It is difficult to imagine that it can be anything worse than some of the statements printed about him in American papers. He has in this country been accused of almost every crime in the calendar, not excepting the killing of another man. His political methods have been denounced and his domination of Tammany was admittedly retained by a policy that placed might above right.

Since leaving the United States and taking up his domicile in Great Britain Mr. Croker professes to have experienced a change of heart. He is no longer the political boss, but a respectable private gentleman, and he demands to be treated as such. He doesn't like to have old stories raked up and presented to the English reading public. Such publicity is not conducive to friendly intimacy with royalty and dukes and earls. He wants the old life blotted out.

FREE BUFFALO HIDES.

The Treasury Department is seeking in the Circuit Court of New York, the reversal of a decision by the Board of Appraisers in New York that East Indian buffalo hides are entitled to free entry. The question at issue is whether such hides are to be regarded as "hides of cattle," as the term is used in the tariff, or as "hides not specially provided for."

The Treasury Department maintains that these buffalo hides are hides of cattle, and are therefore subject to 15 per cent duty. Several years ago the question as to the classification of these so-called buffalo hides came up and was passed upon by the Board of Appraisers and the Federal courts. All of the tribunals found against the importers. The matter then went along for some years, when the importers presented another case to the Board of Appraisers, which ruled in their favor, sustaining the claims for free entry. The Treasury Department does not accept this ruling, which was against the previous decision of the courts, and has decided to have the matter again submitted to the courts, with a view to having these so-called buffalo hides designated as hides of cattle. The issue is of great interest to the tanning and shoe-making industries.

FRIGID ZONE HONEYMOONS.

A somewhat unusual honeymoon was that of Col Max Fleischmann, of Cincinnati and his bride, who was Miss Sarah Hamilton Sherlock. The frozen North is not usually chosen to pass this

delectable period, sunny skies and balmy airs being usually preferred, but the Colonel and his bride are evidently of sterner stuff. They have just returned from a cruise in the Polar Sea, where, instead of "spooning" the happy hours away, both bridegroom and bride followed the strenuous life, in gunning for polar bears, reindeers, seals, blue foxes, many arctic birds, including a King eider, the lady herself bringing down two of the bears. It is hoped this example will not be followed by the next crop of June brides, or there'll be no game left in the polar regions, and what will the "Huskies" do then, poor things!

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' TAX.

Consul W. S. Hollis, of Lourenco Marquez, reports a new tax on commercial travelers in his district. He writes:

Owing to representations that were made by the local Chamber of Commerce to the General Government, a new tax has been placed upon all commercial travelers visiting the district of Lourenco Marquez. Any person visiting this district for the purpose of taking orders for any kind of merchandise, even if the said person remains for only one day, in the district, and brings no samples, or rents any office or desk room, is considered to be a commercial traveler and such commercial traveler must take out a license for not less than three months, and for which the following fees (reduced to United States currency) are charged: Municipal tax, \$11.25; industrial tax, \$45; revenue stamps, \$2.25; emolument to stamp clerk, \$1; total, \$59.50. Any commercial traveler visiting this district and failing to provide himself with the necessary license will render himself liable to a very heavy fine.

ONE SINGLE HOUR.

One hour a day withdrawn from frivolous pursuits, and profitably employed, would enable any man of ordinary capacity to master a complete science. One hour a day would make an ignorant man a well informed man in ten years. One hour a day would earn enough to pay for two daily and two weekly papers, two leading magazines and a dozen good books. In an hour a day a boy or girl could read twenty pages thoughtfully—over seventeen thousand pages or eighteen large volumes in a year. An hour a day might make all the difference between bare existence and useful, happy living. An hour a day might make—nay, has made, an unknown man a famous one, a useless one a benefactor to his race. Consider then, the mighty possibilities of two, four, yes, six hours a day that are, on the average, thrown away by some of our young men and women in their desire for fun and diversion.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

If a man knows that his wife expects him to succeed, that she expects him to stand at his post, and do his duty, no matter how hard it is and that she will think him a coward if he gives up his job because the work was unpleasant or there were difficulties in the way, it is easy to foretell what the future of that man will be.

From the Cunarder steamship Carmania, on its arrival at New York yesterday, \$10,325,500 in gold was unloaded, being the largest shipment ever carried by a single steamer across the ocean to this country. To insure entire safety in its landing a company of riflemen was brought into requisition as a guard.

Fortunately for the well being of the country the New York banks no longer dominate in money transactions as they did a few years ago. Each of several sections has a business center whose banks are able to supply their necessary demands for business.

Beautify your own property all you can, then do all you can to beautify your streets. Be friendly with every body and courteous to strangers. Your own civility will help make good impressions and will be carried away and cherished.

Chinese women are giving up the practice of compressing their feet. Hurrah! This is a glorious sign of progress. The time may not be far distant when we shall hear the women of China have put on corsets.

William Waldorf Astor's daughter is engaged to a poor editor. Bertha Krupp is going to marry a poor doctor. There must be some spirit of philanthropy left in millionaire families after all.

Mr. Bryan says there are in the Arabic language 600 words that mean camel. Dancing is to be taught in the pub-

Every Person Should Have At Least a Week's Vacation

By SAMUEL S. KOENIG, a New York Political Leader

IN a trying and vitality sapping summer climate like ours there should be an order of things that makes it possible for every one to have not less than one week from the routine of the life that is lived through the year and give to every one a chance to GET THE MIND CLEARED AND GIVE THE BODY A RELAXATION from the tenseness of getting a living.

If there was some economic scheme or plan by which the thousands of the underpaid and overworked men and women of the community could be given a week away from the surroundings that become so monotonously impressed on the mind and nerves, and have that week in a locality where diversion would be a practical probability without the usual attendant LOSS OF TIME AND MONEY, it would be a most commendable move.

I have had it suggested to me that were a number of men of probity and capacity to get together on a plan to make a summer vacation of one or two weeks a matter of EASY FACT, that would be rendering a great service and help vastly in the work of improving civic conditions.

The plan I have in mind is outlined much as follows: TO HAVE AN INSTITUTION THAT HAD AS ITS OBJECT ONLY THE PURPOSE OF GIVING TO EVERY ONE A VACATION WITHOUT ANY IDEA OF PROFIT TO ITSELF AND TO NEVER HAVE ANY SURPLUS EXCEPT THAT WHICH WAS HELD AGAINST JUST CLAIMS.

To arrange that by the payment of a small sum weekly or monthly a person might lay up sufficient with the institution that would give him, with no further concern, the chance to leave his work and have a week at a place in the country with a sum of money equivalent to his weekly pay AND WITH NO CHARGE FOR HIS ACCOMMODATIONS.

American Women Are Best

By KANG YO WEIT, President Chinese Empire Reform Association

THE gawkwar of Baroda is all wrong. The American type of womanhood is the finest IN THE WORLD. Everywhere here beautiful women may be seen. In the poorest quarters as well as in the palaces they are found.

I hope some day that, reformed and awakened, China may have women as healthfully and NATURALLY DEVELOPED. But in the face, as well, American women seem like what you call angels.

In schools of Cleveland this year, the time may come when instead of having football contests we shall be permitted to witness public school dancing matches.

It is said that wolves slay about 800,000 domestic animals, valued at \$6,000,000 every year, in the Russian empire.

It is estimated that the wear and tear on American railroads pulverizes 427,000 tons of iron annually.

Bullets that fail to penetrate pasteboard three inches thick will pass through a five-inch plank.

Some men run so hard for an office that they can do nothing but rest after they get it.

Who was the straightest man in the Bible? Joseph, as Pharaoh made a ruler of him.

There are men who are apparently tireless in their efforts in making people tired.

A man can't appreciate success unless he has had one or two failures.

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MURDER SUSPECTS HELD.

May Be the Notorious Gas Pipe Assaulters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—George A. Lesh and Ed Langley, two youths of 19, were arrested last night on Golden Gate Avenue and are being held at the Bush Street Police Station on suspicion that they may be the much-sought gas-pipe murderers.

The arrest was brought about by a pawn broker in whose store they were bartering for a revolver for \$2. He became suspicious and notified the policeman on the beat, who put both men under arrest. Langley and Lesh, are names under which they are booked, give their ages as 20 years each. They say they are sailors, but cannot remember their ships. They are rough looking and roughly dressed.

MUTUAL CASE IN COURT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The motion of counsel for ex-President McCurdy of the Mutual Life Insurance company, and of his son, that the Mutual Life be more specific in its complaints in the suits involving more than \$4,000,000 against them, will come up for hearing in the Supreme Court today. Delancey Nicoll represents the defendants and Joseph H. Choate the company in these suits.

A Poem for Today

THE GLOVE AND THE LIONS

By Leigh Hunt



FRANCIS was a hearty king, and loved a royal sport, And one day, as his lions fought, sat looking on the court. The nobles filled the benches, with the ladies in their pride, And 'mongst them sat the Count de Lorge, with one for whom he sighed.

And truly 'twas a gallant thing to see that crowning show, Valor and love, and a king above, and the royal beasts below.

Ramped and roared the lions, with horrid laughing jaws; They bit, they glared, gave blows like beams, a wind went with their paws;

With wallowing might and stifled roar they rolled on one another; Till all the pit with sand and noise was in a thunderous smother; The bloody foam above the bars came whisking through the air; Said Francis then, "Faith, gentlemen, we're better here than there."

De Lorge's love o'erheard the king, a beautiful lively dame; With smiling lips and sharp bright eyes, which always seemed the same; She thought, the count, my lover, is brave as brave can be; He surely would do wondrous things to show his love for me; Kings, ladies, lovers, all look on; the occasion is divine; I'll drop my glove to prove his love; great glory will be mine.

She dropped her glove, to prove his love, then looked at him and smiled. He bowed, and in a moment leaped among the lions wild. The leap was quick, return was quick; he has regained his place. Then threw the glove, but not with love, right in the lady's face. "By heaven," said Francis, "rightly done!" and he rose from where he sat. "No love," quoth he, "but vanity, sets love a task like that."

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